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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, APRIL 9, 1953.

Place: Office of the Special Assistant to the President.

Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Dulles, and Morgan.

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Agenda Items 1 and 2 were briefly discussed.

Agenda Item 3. The Board agreed that a PSB Staff representative should sit with the Interagency Defector Committee when matters of policy are at issue, and that the NSC Planning Board should be asked to prepare for NSC consideration a clarification of the language of NSC 86/1 concerning "key personnel". The purpose of this clarification would be to discourage interpretations that are one-sided or too narrow. It was pointed out that recent defection rates from Orbit countries other than East Germany and China have been very low and in general seem to depend more on pressures from within than on attractions from without. Hence the term "key personnel" could be more liberally construed in practice without danger of attracting unmanageable numbers except in special cases like those of China and East Germany. It was also noted that, as stated in paragraph 2 of PSB D-18a/1a, potential psychological contribution should count as one of the considerations justifying inducement of defectors.

Agenda Item 4 was briefly discussed and left with the Chairman for further action.

Agenda Item 5. The Chairman explained Ambassador Lodge's desire for more abundant psychological support at the next UN General Assembly. It was felt that this could be arranged both in the form of manuscripts prepared in advance and ad hoc suggestions for rebuttal during the course of meetings.

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Agenda Item 6. Mr. Kyes arranged with Mr. Dulles for further staff discussion of research support. Mr. Dulles agreed to have someone talk with [redacted]

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Acting Director

NSC review(s) completed.

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